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North Hampton Community Newsletter

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Planning Board Invites Residents to Vision Forums & Community Soup Suppers

The Long-Range Planning Committee of the North Hampton Planning Board invites all residents of North Hampton to attend two Vision Forums scheduled for Wednesday evenings on November 9th and 16th. The forums will offer residents the opportunity to express their views about the future of North Hampton, to discuss the data from the Community Survey, to help craft a Vision Section and a Community Services and Facilities Section for the Town's Master Plan, and to help set priorities for capital expenditures in an updated Capital Improvements Program.

Residents' responses from the Community Survey concerning how they want land use to be regulated and about which Town services and facilities are most important to them will be among the topics discussed.

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Alaskan Eagles on Display



Alaska calls to many people for many different reasons, and for **Amy Barvenik Brabec** and her husband **Dale**, it was to teach and for the adventure of the outdoors.

Amy grew up in North Hampton, attending North Hampton School, graduating from WHS, and then from Keene State College. She went on to teach in Munich, Germany and Buenos Aires before return-

ing to the US to continue teaching at Zuni, NM, where she met her future husband, Dale Brabec.

After two years in New Mexico, they decided to head to Alaska for a new adventure and to get married on top of an Alaskan mountain.

They love the outdoors and the Alaskan wildlife, and Amy has her camera within reach at all times to capture the moment. When they heard about an 83-year-old woman who lives on Homer Spit



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Residents who participate will have a voice in shaping how our Town will move into the future and how our tax dollars will be spent in order to create the future we want for North Hampton.

North Hampton residents, along with our seacoast neighbors, are faced with escalating taxes, pressure to build high density housing, and the prospects of more and more big-box retailers that are gradually reshaping the landscapes of our towns. Residents will have the opportunity to discuss what North Hampton can do to stabilize the tax rate, preserve our natural resources, and preserve the rural New England characteristics of our Town.

Involved and informed citizens do make a difference, and the Board thanks the more than 300 households who took the time to complete the lengthy and detailed survey.

Please plan to attend the **Community Soup Supper**, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. and the first Vision Forum at 7:00 p.m. at North Hampton School on Wednesday, **November 9**. Tickets for the **Beef Stew, Chili, and Chicken Rice soup supper** will be \$6.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children. **Please call Phil Wilson (964-2124)** for tickets to the Soup Supper.

The second Vision Forum will be held at the North Hampton School one week later at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, **November 16**.

Proceeds from the November 9th Community Soup Supper will benefit North Hampton School's eighth-grade trip to Washington, D.C. We hope that you will come to the supper and stay for the Vision Forum.

*~Phil Wilson, Chair, North Hampton Planning Board
Laurel Pohl, Chair, Long-Range Planning Committee*

North Hampton Women's Club

The North Hampton Women's Club meets on the first Wednesday of each month from October through May at the United Church of Christ in North Hampton. A social period is held from 1:00 to 1:30pm, followed by the business meeting from 1:30 to 2:00pm, and then an entertaining program.

The Fall Luncheon was held on October 2nd at the Hampton Eatery. The November 2nd meeting will feature guest speaker **Lieutenant Colonel Keith Wilkinson, USAF (Ret)**, presenting "A Veteran's View." We will be meeting at 1:00 pm on December 7th to listen to the Winnacunnet High School Chamber Singers, directed by **Richard Ray**, present their traditional program of lovely seasonal music.

Meetings are open to all. You do not need to be a club member or a resident of North Hampton in order to attend. For more information, please call Jean Pepple at 964-1179.

~Jean Pepple, Public Relations

News from the School Board

A new bus transportation contract with First Student Inc. was accepted by the Board at our September meeting. **Sharon Narsiff** put in many long hours as the North Hampton representative on the SAU 21 Transportation Committee, and should be thanked for her efforts.

The critical issue was the past practice of tiering busses; i.e., using the same busses in two or more districts sequentially in order to save cost. With the current system and the growth of the SAU, it has become impossible to adequately meet the students' needs for a reasonable start and end time at school, as well as the length of time that a bus ride takes. In North Hampton, busses often arrived late at the school after finishing their runs in other towns, requiring more parents to pick up their children at NHS, and contributing to our traffic congestion. The individual Boards within SAU 21 decided to contract separately with the bus company in order to control these parameters. This decision led to a substantial increase in cost, which will be the difference between the current budget of \$147,400 and \$256,356 for the fiscal year 2006-07. When the Board meets this fall for review of the 2006-07 budget, it will keep the increase in mind as considers other expenses.

The negotiations with the Seacoast Education Association (SEA) and Support Personnel (SESPA) continue and **Janet Gorman** is to be commended for her time and effort on this committee. The one-year contract that was approved last year will expire June 30, 2006, so the goal of the committee is to have a new contract for the voters to consider in March.

The Board congratulates the Lighthouse Kids, their Board, volunteers, and teacher **Sue Reynolds** for the outstanding success of the "LobStars" fundraiser. This is wonderful example of service learning in our community.

We encourage you once again to go surfing to the NHS website @ www.northhamptonschool.org to stay up-to-date with all the student activities, PAL events, committee work, and Board meetings.

~Kim Kisner, North Hampton School Board

(*Eagles cont.*)

and feeds over 150 eagles some 500 lbs. of donated frozen salmon and herring every day when the salmon aren't running, they knew it was an adventure they had to add to their list. In February they traveled to Homer in below zero temperatures, sleeping in their '84 Toyota Land Cruiser, to wake up to the eagles 'calling' for their breakfast and 'posing' for pictures.

Some of Amy's photos will be on display at the North Hampton Library during the month of November. Be sure to stop in and see these remarkable sights from Alaska that she captured on film for us.

~Jean Chevalier

Mystery Photo Answer

This building was the ell, or wing, of the John Dearborn Garrison House, which was built around 1700 north of the brook on what was then called Country Road, but today is known as Post Road, near the Post Road grocery building. The Garrison was built of clapboards on the outside and lined with stone and brick walls on the inside. Elmer Smith built his house on this site after the Garrison House was torn down.

The ell was moved to North Road, where this photo was taken. Our second mystery is—where? If anyone knows the answer to this, or anything about what later happened to the building, please call Priscilla Leavitt at 964-8841 because the Historical Society would like to know too. *(photo courtesy of the North Hampton Historical Society)*

“Buy-A-Brick” for WHS

A foundation has been established to provide supplemental funding to enhance a program of excellence in education at Winnacunnet High School. In order to raise funds, the four-town high school coalition has embarked on a “Buy-A-Brick” campaign in which a limited number of bricks will be permanently placed in a special walkway on the Winnacunnet High School Plaza located on the “flagpole island” near the main entrance to the school. For more information on how to order a brick or make a donation, please contact the Friends of Winnacunnet Foundation at their website: info@WinnacunnetFoundation.org.

~Tara Rossi, A.P., NHS

Recreation Department News

On behalf of the recipients of the North Hampton Recreation Summer Scholarship fund, we would like to extend a very warm thank you to the local businesses and families who donated to our scholarship fund: Blake Chevrolet; Village of Little Boars Head District; Citizens Bank; Lamprey Brothers; Route One Self-Storage; My Stylist; NHAAG's; North Hampton Drywall; North Hampton Subway; North Hampton Firemen's Association; The Blue Canoe; Luck Enterprises, Inc.; PS Marston Associates; Hiltunen & Nash PC; the Bolton Family; the Dunham Family; the Choate Family; the Maggiore Family; the Murray Family; and the Macquarrie Family. A special thank you to our summer rec. tee shirt sponsor for the last five years—North Hampton Claire Acura. Your kindness and generosity create lifelong memories, as well as building friendships.

A very special thanks to the North Hampton School Board members and the NHS summer staff for housing our popular summer rec. program and the adult programs.

The Highway Dept, Sandy Dewing, NHYA Softball Commish, and the Rec. Dept. joined together and reconditioned the softball field at Dearborn Park. We hope to recondition the tee-ball field next spring.

The programs Theater Performance, NHAAGs, Little Nippers Preschool Soccer, Little Hearts Spanish for Preschoolers, Dylan's Creative Arts & Crafts, Rec Roundup, and the Senior Bridge Club continue to grow. Thank you to the instructors and participants. Unfortunately, owing to a lack of enrollment, Multi Media Art Program, Theatre for Kids I, Junior Martial Arts, and the early school release to the Space Center in Hooksett had to be cancelled. Please register at least one week prior to the planned program/trip in order to ensure success.

Remember to drop by the Fire Station on Halloween for some warm apple cider, hot chocolate, and a bag full of goodies, when the Great Pumpkin coloring contest winners will be awarded their gift baskets at October 30th between 4-7pm. Coloring sheets were sent home in the Friday folders, and they are also available at the Town Office and Library.

TRIPS: The early release day trip to Salem, Ma. still needs a few more participants. The trip includes visiting three exciting events: the **Legends of Salem**, The Peabody/Essex Hollywood House of Museum, and Salem's Myths & Monsters. We promise an exciting and memorable time for all.

There are only 30 tickets left for the new **Harry Potter & The Goblet Of Fire** opening on November 18th at Chunky's Theater. Sign up now and don't miss out.

On Saturday, December 17th, a trip to the Merrill Auditorium in Portland, Me has been planned for all to enjoy. You and your family are cordially invited to attend **A Magic Of Christmas** with the Portland Symphony Orchestra. Tickets are limited. Please register before November 17th to avoid cancellation of this wonderful event.

An Evening with Santa has been scheduled on December 3rd, from 6:00-7:30pm, right after the lighting of the tree. Although the event is free, we encourage you to bring an unwrapped, unused gift for the North Hampton Professional Firefighters Local 3211 Toy Bank. Suggested items range from board & computer games, puzzles, sporting items, dolls, and books.

The Bradford Ski Club is taking registrations now and has planned trips for Monday afternoons from 3-7pm. Call now to ensure the success of a great ski program for kids in Grades 3-8. This Club needs at least 15 participants in order to take place.

Anyone interested in beginning or participating in a North Hampton Walking Club, please call the Rec. Dept. at 964-3170. Let's all get together and walk about it.

~Diane Wheeler, Recreation Director

North Hampton Girl Scouts

The North Hampton Girls Scouts are off and running towards another wonderful year, meeting new friends and planning a calendar full of events. Eight troops meet in our Town, starting with Brownies. The girls choose what challenges they will work on as a troop and also choose how they will serve the community. Fun is also planned as many troops have decided to take field trips that include camping, apple picking, visiting a Corn Maze, and taking trips to Boston. Expect to see more of the North Hampton Girls Scouts than ever before.

Please pencil in the following dates for NHGS big events: December 3, Hampton Holiday Parade; February 4, Father/Daughter Dance (NH community invited); March 24, Square Dance; May 31, Year-End Ceremony; June Weekend TBA, Mother/Daughter Sleepover.

~Margaret Allen, Public Relations

North Hampton Fire and Rescue



Firefighter Martin Tavtian, a Child Passenger Seat Technician, checks a seat at a recent Child Passenger Seat Inspection day held at Blake Chevrolet.

With the increase in fuel costs this year, people are looking for ways to decrease their reliance on oil and natural gas. Many people are looking to fuels such as wood. There are important cautions that people need to be aware of before using a woodstove.

- Chimneys should be inspected yearly by a professional.

- Ashes should be stored in metal containers at least five feet from any combustible material, including any building, because they take days to cool off before they are no longer a threat.

- The installer of any new woodstove should strictly follow the manufacturer's installation directions. A member of

the North Hampton Fire & Rescue team will inspect any installation upon request.

- Smoke detectors should be installed and the batteries periodically checked.

Child Passenger Seat Inspections: The North Hampton Fire & Rescue has child passenger seat technicians who can offer child passenger seat inspections at the station. If you wish to have assistance in installing or would like to make sure that your child's seat is installed correctly, please call 964-5500 and make an appointment.

These are just a few reminders from the North Hampton Fire & Rescue. If you have any questions on any of these topics or other safety related issues please do not hesitate to call we're here for you 365 days a year 24 hours a day.

~Corey Landry, Deputy Firechief

North Hampton United

Church of Christ Selects a New Minister

The North Hampton United Church of Christ congregation is pleased to introduce to the community its new pastor, the **Reverend Michele Bagby Allan**.

Michele Bagby Allan was raised in the Sacramento, California area. After receiving her Masters of Divinity at Harvard Divinity School, in Cambridge, Massachusetts, in 2001, she was called to be the associate pastor at the United Congregational Christian Church in Lodi, California, in 2002. She subsequently became the sole interim pastor.

Warmth, intelligence, and faith are just some of the attributes Michele possesses. Among many other things, Michele has had experience in developing worship and educational programs for children and youth. She was co-chaplain at the Horton Center in 1998 (our church summer camp). She has led adult education classes and has developed and led adult prayer classes. Her sermons are thought-provoking and inspiring, and we feel that she will provide an exceptionally effective ministry to our congregation, for her calm style and demeanor appeal to a broad range of ages. She is also a musician.

Her husband, **James**, a recording engineer, is looking forward to being in the Greater Boston area for the advancement of his career.

Please join us in welcoming Michele and James into the great community of North Hampton.

*~Debra Eaton, Chair
North Hampton UCC Search Committee*

The Zoning Board

The ZBA meets on the fourth Tuesday of every month in the Mary Hebert Conference Room at 6pm. Board members are **John Anthony Simmons, Chairman; Michele Peckham, Vice-Chair; Ted Turchan; Susan Smith; and Jennifer Lerner**. Alternates are **John Woodworth, Ken Worrell, and Paul Marston**.

We continue to hold hearings on the two cell tower applications. At the time of writing this letter, the Chapel Road application has come to the point when the public testimony is now closed. Board deliberation and a vote will follow. The Woodland Road application continues with more public testimony at its next meeting.

Both cell tower applications have had several meetings, which were well attended. Members of the community are encouraged to submit a letter for the record for the Board's consideration or to attend the remaining hearings. Notices are usually printed in the *Hampton Union* and/or *Portsmouth Herald Sunday*, but occasionally in the *Portsmouth Herald* if necessary. You may also visit the Town's website or call the Zoning Office at 964-8650.

A new zoning coordinator has been hired and is set to begin work at the end of October. If you need assistance or have any suggestions or comments about ZBA procedure or the meetings, please call or write to us. We welcome your input and seek to serve you in the best way possible.

*~John Anthony Simmons,
Chairman, ZBA*

Ladies' Union Fall Fair

The annual Fall Fair, sponsored by the Ladies' Union, will be held on Saturday, **November 5th** from 10am to 2pm at the North Hampton United Church of Christ, 295 Atlantic Avenue, North Hampton. The fair will include crafts, baked goods, a cookie walk, white elephant, and jewelry. The kitchen will offer coffee and doughnuts in the morning and corn chowder, vegetable soup, and assorted sandwiches for lunch.

~Candice Ray, Fair Chair



Friends of the Library

The Friends of the North Hampton Library are in the midst of another season of enthusiastic support for the North Hampton Public Library. We're pleased to have the opportunity to work in conjunction with the Trustees and Staff of the Library to allow North Hampton to have fine library services now and in the future. The Friends welcome all Town residents to participate in their meetings or to share ideas with the Friends in other ways during the upcoming year.

We want to again thank everyone involved with our major fundraiser, the *3rd Annual George Miller Memorial Clambake*. This year we experimented with a summertime clambake on August 13th. Our goal was to attract more Town folk as well as to continue to attract our summer population. This community-building event can only be successful with the support of our community. A special thank you to all who attended as well as to our **North Hampton Fire & Police Departments, the Recreation Department, Bob Strout, Delores Chase, the United Church of Christ, Joe's Meat Shoppe, Portsmouth Paper, Rollins Furniture, Shaw's, Shop "N Save, Martha Dana and her puppets, Randy Moran of Stratham Fuel, and the Miller Family.**

The Friends of the Library will be meeting this year at 3:30pm on the 3rd Monday of each month. Meetings will be held in the New Hampshire Room of the Library. Please drop in at our meetings when you have time.

We'd also like to remind you that the Friends provide passes to the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, Seacoast Science Center at Odiorne Point, the Currier Gallery in Manchester, the Children's Museum in Portsmouth, and Strawberry Banke, the latter through the added generosity of the Coyne family. These passes are available for use by North Hampton residents, and can be reserved by calling the Library at 964-6326. We hope you will take advantage of these and **enjoy!**

~Suzette Miller, Judy Day, Hope Miller, Co-Chairs

Library Exhibits

In addition to **Amy Barvenik Brabec's** photography of eagles on display in our Craig Meeting Room for the month of November, North Hampton Library will also host a display of the work of **Doris Rice** in December. Doris is a painter of the great outdoors, has a BFA from Moore College in Philadelphia, and also teaches at her North Hampton studio, and has led groups of artists on painting trips to Brittany and Monhegan. Her December exhibit is "Watercolor Impressions."

Our display case also holds changing exhibits each month. Since November is Model Railroading Month, local enthusiast Ed Hobby will again bring us a display of his wonderful railroad cars and the scenes he creates himself. We have an opening in December, if anyone wishes to share a collection with us, and for January we invite you to enjoy a collection of glassware.

~Pam Schwotzer, Director



Attention Shoppers!

Do you purchase products manufactured by General Mills, Pillsbury, Betty Crocker, or Yoplait (to name a few)? Do you ever shop at Hannaford's Grocery Store? If you answered "yes" to either of these questions, please read on!

Did you know that Box Tops For Education symbols, found on many products at your local grocery store, could be redeemed for ten cents towards your local PTO? Last year, our school earned more than \$1,300 simply by returning box tops that otherwise would have been discarded. Every school is eligible for up to \$20,000 in box top revenue per year. This amount is almost the entire annual fundraising goal for North Hampton's PAL (People Active in Learning) organization. We could potentially raise sufficient funds to support our many school programs, such as the artist in residence, the visiting author, the North Hampton Community Newsletter, the eighth-grade Washington D.C. trip, after-school enrichment scholarships, and many, many more wonderful activities—just by saving your trash! Please donate your box top symbols to North Hampton School. There are box top collection boxes in the lobbies of the North Hampton Library and the North Hampton School.

Shopping at Hannaford's in Hampton is another way to send money to our school without any additional cost to you! If you purchase any of the 750 qualifying products at Hannaford, you will be given a "school dollars" coupon with your receipt. Simply put the coupon in the box designated "North Hampton" at the front of the store. Last year, we were rewarded with a check from Hannaford for nearly \$2,000! This program runs from September 4, 2005 through December 3, 2005. Thank you for your support!

P.S. Check out the box tops website, boxtops4education.com, for product coupons. The website also offers another great way to contribute to our local school. If you shop on-line at any of the more than 200 participating stores, such as Barnes and Noble, Sears, Staples, Ritz Camera, Kohls, or J. Jill, to name a few, a percentage of your purchase will be donated to PAL if you access these stores through the Box Tops website.

~Nancy Conklin, Treasurer, P.A.L.



News from the Children's Room at the Library

A 26 inch "Clifford" stuffed dog and Emily doll are the newest additions to the picture book area of the Library. The Library also has many "Clifford" books and several videos from the PBS show. Stop by the Library soon and curl up with Clifford and a good book!

Books are always a popular holiday gift. I am often asked for book suggestions for holiday giving. Below is a short list of some recent children's books that are sure to be a hit. The Library owns a copy of all of these books if you would like to preview them or just borrow them instead of buying.

Holiday Gift Book Suggestions for Children Picture Books: *A Apple Pie* by **Gennady Spirin**; *Kidogo* by **Anik McGrory**; *The Great Fuzzy Frenzy* by **Susan Stevens**; *White is for Blueberry* by **George Shannon**; *So Happy!* by **Kevin Henkes**.

Children's Fiction: *A Dog's Life: the Autobiography of a Stray* by **Ann Martin**; *Inkspell* by **Cornelia Funke**; *Fairy Dust and Quest for the Egg* by **Gail Carson Levine**; *The Scarecrow and his Servant* by **Philip Pullman**

Non-Fiction Choices: *Wizardology : The Book of the Secrets of Merlin* by **Anne Yvonne Gilbert**; *Star Wars: The Ultimate Visual Guide* by **Rider Windham**; *The World Almanac for Kids 2006* edited by **Kevin Seabrooke**; *Dangles and Bangles: 25 Funky Projects to Make and Wear* by **Sherri and Michelle Haab**

The Following programs for children are offered at the Library:

Story Time—features stories, crafts, songs, and fun for ages 2-5. Story Time meets Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 10:30am. Registration is required, but you may join the group at anytime by calling the Library at 964-6326. The fall session ends Wednesday, December 21st. Please note no Story Time the week of Thanksgiving.

Book Bunch—An after-school Story Hour for children ages 4 and older, featuring stories, snacks, and activities. You can register for one or all of the "Book Bunch" sessions. Owing to the popularity of Book Bunch, the group is now meeting twice a month. Meeting dates are: Thursday, November 3rd, 3:45-4:30 Thursday, November 17th, 3:45-4:30; Thursday, December 1st, 3:45-4:30; Thursday, December 15th, 3:45-4:30.

Bookworms and Scene Stealers—book discussion groups for children ages 7 and up. The Bookworms group features shorter books than the Scene Stealers group. Both groups meet on the same day at the same time in different areas of the Library. Meeting dates are: Tuesday, November 29th, 3:45-4:30. No December meeting; Tuesday, January, 31st, 3:45-4:30.

For more information about youth programs at the Library, please contact: **Lorreen M. Keating**, Youth Services Librarian, 964-6326, or email: youthlib@nhplib.org

~Lorreen Keating, Youth Services Librarian

Town Update from your

Trash Disposal and Recycling: Can you imagine not being able to get rid of your trash? Trash disposal is a necessary expense for all of us. For the fiscal year 2004 - 05, the Town appropriated \$144,560 for Solid Waste Disposal, as well as salaries, utilities, and other operating costs of our Recycling Center. Trash disposal is a costly, yet unavoidable, expense. Recycling can help us to reduce these expenses. How you ask? Please read on.

First, when we recycle, we reduce the tonnage of trash, which in turn reduces our cost to dispose of it. The equation is simple: Trash minus recyclable material = lower cost to haul it away.

Second, the Town can generate income by selling the recyclable material that is taken to the recycling center. Note that while the Town does spend less when we curbside recycle, the Town does not generate income from the sale of recyclable material that is picked up by Waste Management-the corporation does.

When we consider how we have disposed of our trash and our recycled material during the past two years, we find the following: Because we are now recycling more, we are reducing the tonnage of trash, and are therefore reducing the cost to dispose of it. The solid waste industry calculates that 60% of household trash is recyclable; however, North Hampton is currently recycling only 25% of its recyclable household trash, and most of that is being picked up at curbside.

Regardless of how you recycle-curbside or at the recycling center-recycling is good for our environment **and our finances**. Recycling at our Town's Recycling Center reduces the amount of trash going to landfills, reduces Town expenses to pay for trash disposal, and generates income for the Town. When we recycle curbside, the Town reaps all of the benefits above—*except that of generating income from the recyclable material*.

We need your help! It's imperative that everyone recycles. We understand the convenience of curbside recycling and this option does reduce our trash tonnage, and therefore the "tipping fee" cost (taxes) at the Rochester landfill. But by using our Town Recycling Center off Cherry Road, we reduce the tonnage *as well as generate income for the Town*. We are asking for a commitment from all residents, our school, and our businesses to recycle and to consider doing so at the Recycling Center. The Center hours are 8am to 5pm on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

One final note: Newspapers left curbside that are allowed to get wet on rainy or snowy days are considered no longer recyclable by Waste Management, and are instead picked up as trash, which increases the tonnage, and hence the tipping fees.

Fuel Assistance This Winter: Irving Oil has announced a program to help New Hampshire residents living in both Rockingham County and the Lebanon area defray the cost of heating their homes this winter. Irving Oil is donating a total of \$75,000 in heating oil to those families and individuals most affected by the cost of today's home heating oil. Irving Oil is asking North

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Hampton families and individuals that think they may qualify for the program to contact Rockingham Community Action as soon as possible at 436-3896. Rockingham Community Action will identify individuals and families in need, and oil will be delivered as soon as possible. Irving's home heating oil drivers from the Portsmouth branch will make the deliveries in the region.

Town Emergency Management: In light of the recent natural disasters and the lessons learned from them, our Town Administrator, Chief of Police, and Fire Chief have commenced a review of North Hampton's Emergency Management Plan. The purpose of this review is to ensure that our plan adequately addresses natural disaster contingencies and that all parties responsible for its execution are appropriately trained and understand their duties and responsibilities should we have a large scale emergency situation.

Be Prepared: Should a natural disaster occur, it is important that all households share in taking responsibility for their safety. Now is a good time to review your 2005 Emergency Public Information Calendar. Discuss a plan with your family; such as, who picks up the kids from school, do you have the phone number of someone outside our area that everyone in your family can call in case some members become separated, do you know where your important papers are kept in case you need to retrieve them in a hurry. It's a good idea to put together a disaster kit and ensure that you have on hand a battery-operated AM/FM radio so that you can stay informed about conditions and a cell or satellite phone.

Old Town Hall: We have contracted the services of an engineering firm to design new supports for the floor, which will increase the load capacity, thus bringing it into compliance with required weight-bearing standards. Also, the firm will design an entry ramp, expand existing doorways, and redesign the restroom to meet ADA requirements.

Mosquito Control: We extend our thanks on behalf of our Town to the Mosquito Commission and the Dragon Mosquito Control Company for their collaboration and hard work to keep those pesky mosquitoes under control. Their work made our summer safe and bearable. The work of the Mosquito Commission (MC) this past season was heavily focused on larviciding freshwater, salt marshes, and catch basin habitats; and surveillance, which is the use of light traps to aid in identifying the types of mosquitoes in North Hampton, thus allowing for focused control efforts. Larviciding is by far the most logical method by which to deal with mosquitoes. While in the larval stage, mosquitoes are confined to a treatable area, so there is none of the guesswork or hit-or-miss treatment that occurs with adulticiding (mosquito spraying). Knowing that one female mosquito has the potential to produce thousands of offspring before she dies, we realize that it makes sense to eliminate them before they become adults. Currently we have a Spring 2006 estimated completion date.

~Board of Selectmen



Nick Leis visits with Red Sox pitcher Jason Varitek.

1,000 Wishes for Nick

Nick Leis, an energetic and friendly seventh-grade student at North Hampton School, has battled cancer at the age of 4, at the age of 8 and now at the age of 12. Nick has already had surgery on August 4th. As this is his third battle with cancer, Nick will require a bone marrow transplant. This entails a one-year recovery after treatment under "house arrest." "House arrest" is the term the doctors use because no one will be able to enter Nick's home and Nick will not be able to leave his home for one year. His treatment will include aggressive chemotherapy and radiation, which will leave him very vulnerable to catching colds and viruses. Because of this risk, Nick and his **Aunt Alessandra** will be in solitary confinement for approximately two months in the hospital.

In order to take care of Nick, Alessandra will be unable to work, potentially for a full year. The school has had an outpouring of offers to support the family. Therefore, we have started a fund in Nick's name:

1,000 Wishes for a new "LEIS" on life.

This is a call to gather community members in a united effort to support Nick and his family throughout his treatment and recovery.

To Join the 1,000 Wishes Foundation:

- Donate ten dollars a month for ten months
- Donate a lump sum of \$100
- Teams of people can donate ten dollars a month for ten months

Members of the 1,000 Wishes Foundation will receive a bracelet symbolizing their support for Nick. To send a donation, checks can be made payable to: The Nicholas Leis Fund. Send checks to the North Hampton School, 201 Atlantic Ave. North Hampton, NH 03862. All donations are appreciated.

~Tara Rossi, A.P., NHS

Exhibitions of Learning

As part of the North Hampton School Improvement Plan, students will be demonstrating their learning through another form of assessment, the exhibition process. An exhibition is a public sharing of learning that extends beyond the school walls to the greater community. Exhibitions of learning provide students with opportunities to demonstrate their understanding and to thoughtfully apply knowledge, skills, and habits of mind in a variety of structured and unstructured situations. An exhibition demands a level of creativity, rigor, and student investment.

Research shows that student learning is improved by providing a structure for students to reflect systematically over time on their learning process and to develop the skills and habits that come from critical reflection. These assessments often occur over time and result in a tangible product or observable performance. Students participating in the development and presentation of an exhibition of learning have an increased understanding of what, why, and how they have learned throughout their school careers.

With the implementation of student exhibitions of learning, schools are able to provide community members with an opportunity to view the education in their schools. Internally, the exhibitions make the schools accountable by producing significant information on what and how students are learning. Most importantly, exhibitions encourage students to move toward more profound understandings in their learning and support students in becoming life-long learners and successful contributing members of their community.

~Tara Rossi, NHS



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~Susan Tidd, Circulation Librarian

Digital Portfolios: A Pilot Project

This year at North Hampton School, a number of teachers are piloting the use of digital portfolios as another means of assessment. A digital portfolio is a multimedia collection of student work. Using technology, student work of all types (audio, graphics, text, and video) can be stored. Its use, however, is greater than simply an electronic storage space. It is a tool designed to help assess students' abilities and to allow teachers to gain insights into student's skills and knowledge. The digital portfolio can be customized to accommodate different users for different purposes.

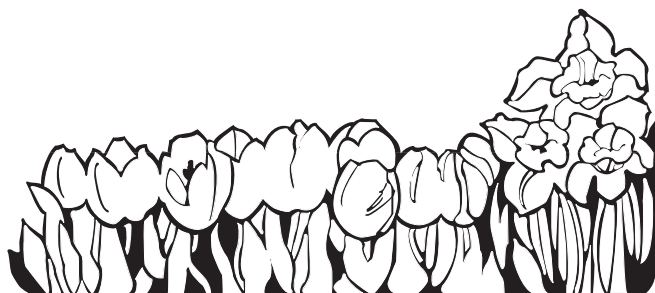
As a tool for reflection, it allows students to create an in-depth picture of their knowledge and abilities as well as allowing students to express themselves in ways that traditional record keeping does not. Teachers, parents, and students will have access to the individual portfolios and will be able to collectively discuss student strengths and weaknesses and to determine the next steps for progress. These collections of student work can provide a much richer picture of a student's abilities than just letter grades or test scores. The Staff at North Hampton School will be meeting regularly throughout the year to discuss this new and exciting endeavor.

~Tara K. Rossi, A.P., NHS

Thanks to Our Gardening Friends

Did you notice how lovely the front gardens at the Library looked all summer? We want to say a special thanks to three special friends who took over our gardening, weeding and watering chores: Lisa Cote, Rita Gingras, and Judy Day. Not only did they keep our established plants watered, they also filled in the border with colorful annuals, kept down the weeds, and mulched it all. Thank you all so much for your volunteer time.

~Pam Schwotzer, Director



Talking Books

If you have trouble reading regular print, you should know about Talking Books, a program funded through a partnership of state and federal dollars together with gifts and donations. Talking Book users have free access to fiction and nonfiction materials on a broad range of topics for all ages. The Talking Book Library includes books and magazines recorded on cassette, print/Braille children's picture books, descriptive narrated videos, bi-monthly and annual catalogs, and even special players to listen to these books and magazines.

Talking Books is a free service, including the equipment, and available through your local library. To sign up you need an application form, available at the Library, which you fill out and have signed by your physician certifying your disability. After that, you simply order through their catalog, and your books and players come directly to you through the mail. Return mail is free of charge. If you think you qualify and would like to sign up for the Talking Books program, stop in to pick up an application form at the North Hampton Library.

~Pam Schwotzer, Director

The North Hampton Historical Society

The members of the North Hampton Historical Society invite the public to join them at their meeting on November 21st to hear **Nathan Hazen**, a marine docent from the University of New Hampshire, speak on "Wooden Shipbuilding in the Seacoast Area." The program will be held in the vestry of the United Church of Christ in North Hampton, at 7:30pm. Refreshments will be served and we hope you will join us.

Our Christmas party in December is a closed meeting; there will be no January meeting.

~Janet Taylor, President

United Church of Christ - North Hampton's 4th Annual Alternative Marketplace

On **November 26th** the United Church of Christ will be offering its 4th Annual Alternative Marketplace from 9:30am - 2pm. The Alternative Marketplace presents an opportunity for holiday shoppers to give something special to their gift recipients, while at the same time helping someone in need. Last year 14 non-profit organizations were represented. Each organization offers items for purchase or donation cards that express gratitude for a donation that has been made on behalf of the recipient of the card. SERRV International has been a big draw over the past few years, offering "fair trade handcrafts and foods from around the world [striving] to promote living wages, women's rights and eco-friendly production through ... partnerships with small-scale artisan and farmer groups." Local organizations such as CrossRoads, Rockingham Community Action, Greater Seacoast Habitat for Humanity, Seafarer's Friend, and Seacoast Hospice have been well represented as well.

If you find the commercialism of the holiday season overwhelming and disconcerting, this is your chance to make a positive difference in many ways. Please help to share the true spirit of the holidays this year by helping those who need our gifts.

~Nancy Bergeron, Missions Committee

From the Friends of Centennial Hall

Would you like your name to be seen on our sign by the thousands of drivers who pass by each day? It would join the names of many friends, neighbors, area corporations, and local businesses that have joined in the renovation of Centennial Hall. Cash donations, stock gifts, professional expertise, and vitally needed skills and services have all gone a long way in helping us to maintain and improve the Hall for our many new tenants and visitors.

Centennial Hall has become a flourishing arts and community center. New tenants include: **Ballet New England, Music Together**, local artist **Keith Sheehan, Gene Guth** and the **North Hampton Recreation Department's Bridge Group**, and the new programs and classes being offered by the **Seacoast Academy of Music**.

Our mission is that of restoring and utilizing all of the available spaces in the Hall, including providing access to the second-floor stage and function area. To make this happen, we need your continued support.

If you would like to tour the Hall, or are interested in contributing or joining the FOCH, please contact any board member. And be sure to join us for our holiday refreshments, tree lighting, and concert presented by our Centennial Hall Singers.

Our officers and board members are: **Joe Walsh, Vice President; Paul Thomas, Treasurer; Jen King, Secretary; Sue Brooks; Bob Dennett; Bruce Kirk; Kim Ciborowski; Phyllis March; and Craig Solomon.**

~Marcy McCann, President

The deadline for submitting articles to the next issue of the North Hampton Community Newsletter is Wednesday, January 4, 2006.

Regularly Scheduled Monthly Meetings

☛ Board of Selectmen	2nd and 4th Mondays	7:00pm	Herbert Room
☛ Recreation Commission	1st Monday	6:00pm	NHPL
☛ Planning Board	1st Tuesday	7:00pm	Town Hall
☛ Zoning Board	3rd Wednesday	7:00pm	Upstairs Conference Room
☛ Historical Society	3rd Monday	7:30pm	NHPL, March-May, Sept.-Nov.
☛ Woman's Club	1st Wednesday	1:00pm	UCC Church, October-May
☛ PAL	3rd Wednesday	9:00am	NHS Café
☛ North Hampton School Board	3rd Thursday	7:00pm	NHS Library
☛ WHS School Board	4th Wednesday	7:00pm	WHS
☛ Centennial Hall	1st Monday	7:00pm	Centennial Hall
☛ Conservation Commission	2nd Tuesday	7:00pm	Herbert Room
☛ Book Discussion Group	2nd Thursday	2:00pm	NHPL
☛ North Hampton School Council	2nd Wednesday	3:15-4:30pm	NHS
☛ North Hampton Youth Association	1st Tuesday	7:00pm	NHPL
☛ Heritage Commission	3rd Thursday	9:30am	Heritage Room, Town Office
☛ North Hampton Forever	3rd Thursday	7:30am	Herbert Room



Veterans and Reservists Honored

The Seacoast Chapter of Support Our Troops Group welcomes all family members who have loved ones currently serving in the GWOT with the US Military. Please join us for a night of conversation and information at American Legion Post 35, located at 65 High Street in Hampton, Wednesday, November 2nd, from 6-8pm. Refreshments and sandwiches from Joe's Meat Shoppe will be served, and we will have guest speakers to talk to all family members.

We will also be honoring our veterans and reservists at **Veterans' Day** observances, Friday, November 11th. Veterans' Day was originally known as Armistice Day, and falls each year on the anniversary of the ending of World War I, the 11th day of the 11th month. After World War II, veterans' groups worked to make this a day to honor those who have fought in all of our country's wars. This year the members of American Legion Post #35 welcome you to attend one of the local Veterans' Day ceremonies, which the Legion will conduct. The day will begin with a ceremony at the Hampton Beach Memorial at 8am, followed by one at Hampton Falls Common at 9am, at the North Hampton Library at 10am, and concluding at the High St. cemetery in Hampton at 11am. We hope you will join us on this important day to remember our veterans. May God bless all our troops, especially those in harm's way, and may God bless America.

~Joe Cutts


Book Discussions at the Library


Join the monthly book discussions at the Library! Each month a group of readers meets to talk together about a different book we've read, sharing likes and dislikes, taking away new ideas and new authors to try out.

For November we will be reading *Waiting for Snow in Havana* by **Carlos Eire**, a 2003 National Book Award winner about the author's Cuban childhood. Our December choice is *When the Emperor Was Divine* by **Julie Otsuka**, which tells its story through the eyes of different members of a Japanese-American family during World War II. And for January we are trying something completely different, with a reading of *King Lear* from "*Shakespeare in a Box*." It's a 45-minute staging of the play, complete with props, and should be an enjoyable time for all.

We welcome new members at any time. Books are available at the main desk of the Library.

~Pam Schwotzer, Director

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
November 2005						
<i>Artist of the month is Dan Damer</i>		1 🍁 Story Time	2 🍁 Story Time 🍁 Women's Club Speaker	3 🍁 Book Bunch	4	5 🍁 Fall Fair
6	7	8 🍁 Story Time	9 🍁 Story Time 🍁 Vision Forum 1	10 🍁 Book Group	11 🍁 Veterans' Day School and Library Closed	12
13	14	15 🍁 Story Time	16 🍁 Story Time 🍁 Vision Forum 2	17 🍁 Book Bunch	18 🍁 Rec. Dept. Harry Potter	19
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27	28	29 🍁 Story Time 🍁 Book Worms & Scene Stealers	30 🍁 Story Time			

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Ask and You'll Receive

Did you know that you play a crucial part in which books are purchased by your library? Curious? There are a number of ways books get onto library shelves; some come from an "automatic" list of authors. When those authors, who are among the more popular ones, have a new book published, it automatically comes to the Library. Another way is through **Susan Tidd's** expert ordering process, which involves looking through library trade journals and book reviews for the newest books. And, of course, another way is by request of our Library users. We try to accommodate most patron requests for books under a year old. So when you come into the Library, ask Susan if a book is on order or is being considered for purchase—if not, ask if it can be considered. Our newest way to have a book considered for purchase is on our website, www.nhplib.org. Under the section "Contact Us," you will find a button for "Request a book." Just fill in the required information and submit your request. It's that easy! We look forward to hearing from you regarding new books that you would like to see in the Library.

~Barbara Dewing, Technology Librarian

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